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SUBJECT: LPDR OFFICIALLY TERMINATES FRENCH AND BRITISH EDUCATIONAL
AID PROGRAMS

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 0435, (B) VIENTIANE A-10, (C)
VIENTIANE 0321

1. ACCORDING TO A FRENCH DIPLOMAT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUZER WAS
CALLED INTO THE LAO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS APRIL 27
AND WAS TOLD OFFICIALLY THAT NO FRENCH TEACHERS WOULD BE
INVITED BACK FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1978/79, LAO OFFICIALS
REPORTEDLY SAID THAT A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT YET
BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER FRENCH PHYSICIANS WOULD BE INVITED
BACK TO TEACH AND ABISE NEXT YEAR.

2. THE BRITISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOLD US APRIL 28 THAT
HIS EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE
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LAO THAT SAME DAY INFORMING THEM THAT NO BRITISH VOLUNTEER
STUDENTS OVERSEAS (VSO) OR BRITISH COUNCIL TEACHERS
WOULD BE INVITED BACK NEXT YEAR. THE CHARGE SAID THAT
HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF A DEMARCHE EXPRESS-
ING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH WHAT WAS IN EFFECT THE
FINAL TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH SPONSORED ENGLISH
LANGUAGE PROGRAM, THE ONLY EXISTING NATIVE SPEAKER

ENGLISH INSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN THE LPDR.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE LAO MOVE TO CLOSE THE FOREIGN OPERATED LANGUAGE SCHOOLS, WHICH INCLUDED THE ALLIANCE FRANCAISE (REF A), THE DIMINISHED LAO EMPHASIS ON WORLD LANGUAGE STUDY (REF B), AND THE APPARENT LAO POLICY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENT WESTERN EXPERTS (REF C), NEITHER THE FRENCH NOR BRITISH WERE SURPRISED BY WHAT IS, IN EFFECT, THE TERMINATION OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL AID PROGRAMS IN THE LPDR.
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